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The disease of Angina Pectoris like many others, has till of late years been treated with but little success — Physicians of former times, influenced by erroneous theories in medicine, have accordingly prescribed remedies, which have not had their desired effects — Happily for mankind, the Unity of disease has contributed to extend, and enlarge our knowledge of the nature and cure of diseases, and greatly to diminish the number of incurables ones* — It throws behind the fire or leaves to mouldier in the drawers of the Apothecaries the lungworts — liver-worts, spleen-worts —

* Dr. Rush's lectures.

worm-warts, and brain-warts of the old school and substitute for them a select number of active medicines; to be given in different doses, in different preparations, and at different times in all diseases"

In the following essay I propose to treat of the nature & symptoms of this terrible disease viz Angina Pectoris - and the mode of treatment which has been found most successful; and first of all I will premise a few remarks -

1st The seat of this disease appears to be in the heart - I infer this from dissections; which have exhibited a great variety of appearances - 1st An unusual quantity of fat about the

heart – 2.ly ossification of the valves of the heart and aorta – 3.ly A membrane in the heart, produced no doubt, by violent inflammation there – 4.th A preternatural quantity of water in the pericardium – 5.th No disease at all; from morbid excitement transcending the grade of inflammation – All the above appearances, have unfortunately been mistaken for the cause of this disease – Hence all attempts to investigate the true nature of it by means of dissection, have failed of success – But later experience have

prove them to be the effects, not the cause of morbid excitement, or in other words, disease —

2dly This disease frequently alternates with hydrotherapy, from which it may be distinguished by its attacking mostly hypochondriac since hysterical persons, by not being constant, and attended with no affection of the head —

3dly It attacks men more frequently than women — out of a hundred persons, Dr Heberden tells us, labouring under this disease, there were women and one a boy of twelve

years old - The rich were men, near or about the fiftieth year of their age. Persons disposed to obesity, that lead a sedentary life are most subject to it -

4th It is frequently a symptom of gout, or perhaps more properly, it is produced by a translation of gout -

5th It is influenced by the different changes in the weather - Moderately warm weather, succeeded by intense cold has a wonderful effect upon this disease - This information I received from a young lady, labouring under it; whose symptoms

[illegible] [illegible] greatly heightened, when [illegible] [illegible] breathing took place — I found in the [illegible] places to [illegible] that, as in other [illegible] de= [illegible] is the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the symptoms [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of breathing upon ascending [illegible] of [illegible] attended with pain [illegible] [illegible] most generally [illegible] cough Upon the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] down the symptoms [illegible] the patient [illegible] quite as well [illegible] died — there is frequently [illegible] pain directly under the sternum and

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[illegible] [illegible]

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the disease. Hence we find the
[illegible] and other writers who have
given us a most accurate account of
this [illegible] relate as to its treatment.
[illegible] to be completely within
the power of medicine; and [illegible]
[illegible] to consider its mode of treatment,
[illegible] these remedies, which,
prescribed under proper circum-
stances, cannot fail to cure it.

In the commencement [illegible]
[illegible] attended with a plethoric state
of the system than [illegible] in

hich case bleeding become necessary

this is to be repeated as often as the

ce and other symptoms may re-

e – 2nd Purges – these should be

mild and Calomel, Jalap or –

ium. Salt, Glauber salts, or Castor oil –

ing are only intended to prevent costive-

tion – For here as in all the affec-

of heart, action continuing [illegible]

ured infusions – 3rd Emetics – a

low diet – this should consist of ge-

le, with a little salted meat to

ent the tone of the stomach may

[illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] 10 — If after [illegible] the

[illegible] [illegible] for some time if

[illegible] [illegible] it is [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] Other [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] effectual must be continued [illegible]

[illegible] weeks — I have [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the present [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] perceptible* Should it [illegible]

[illegible] fall of [illegible] upon the [illegible] [illegible],

[illegible] must be [illegible] [illegible]

* [illegible]

a second and even a third time of it. For
pneumonia it is essentially necessary to dili=
gate three or four times to cure this for=
midable disease, as it is to bleed the same
number of times to cure a common case
of Pleurisy. By this, however, I do not
mean to limit it even to that number, but
recommend a repetition of it, as often as
the urgency of the symptoms may require.
The Tonics; of a most powerful nature
aided by cordial diet. The tonics that
have been found useful are. Tar, Garlic,
Powder of Rosin. Nitrate of Silver, Sulphate
of Zinc and preparations of Iron.

Arsenic has been highly recommended in this disease – Asafetida should also be employed, particularly when there is any affection of the nerves – 7th – Diuretics such as the Digitalis, Squills and Spirits of Turpentine have been found serviceable in this Disease – Dr. MacBride speaks very highly of this remedy – He relates the case of a man effectually cured by wearing two of them one on each thigh – To all these remedies may be added, keeping the feet warm and accommodating the dress to the changes in the weather –

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